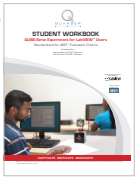
Quick Start Guide: QUBE-Servo Direct I/O Interface

STEP 1 Check Components and Details

Make sure your QUBE-Servo experiment includes the following components:



1. Quanser QUBE-Servo Direct I/O Inferface
2. Inertia disc module
3. Pendulum module
4. Power cable
5. RCA to RCA cable
6. Set of two 5-pin DIN to 5-pin DIN encoder cables
7. 15V 2.0 A power supply
8. Instructor Workbook*
9. Student Workbook*
10. User Manual*

*Provided in digital form on the Workstation Resources DVD and online at www.quanser.com/courseware

STEP 2 Additional Components Required for Set Up

To complete the Quanser QUBE-Servo Direct I/O Interface set up, you will also need the following:

1. Quanser Rapid Control Prototyping Software for NI LabVIEW™ Installation DVD
2. Quanser Workstation Resources DVD (includes controllers, User Manual, Quick Start Guide, courseware and other files)
3. One of the following data acquisition devices:
   a. NI CompactRIO with Quanser Q1-cRIO module, or
   b. Quanser Q2-USB, or
   c. NI PCI/PCIe with NI M and X Series Terminal Board

Note: These components must be purchased separately.

STEP 3 Install LabVIEW™ and Add-Ons

Make sure LabVIEW™ is installed with the following required add-ons:

1. NI-DAQmx
2. LabVIEW™ Control Design and Simulation Module
3. LabVIEW™ MathScript RT Module [only used in certain VIs]
4. Quanser Rapid Control Prototyping Toolkit®

Note: The Quanser Rapid Control Prototyping (RCP) Toolkit must be installed after LabVIEW. See the RCP Toolkit Installation Guide for more information (enclosed with RCP Toolkit Installation DVD).

STEP 4 Set Up the Hardware

To set up your QUBE-Servo Direct I/O Interface, please read the following instructions carefully. The connections shown below are illustrated using a generic data acquisition (DAQ) device (you may have a different DAQ). For detailed instructions, see the QUBE-Servo User Manual (enclosed with shipment).

A

Before proceeding, set up and test your DAQ device (e.g., Q1-cRIO, Q2-USB). For detailed instructions, see the Quick Start Guide or User Manual supplied with your DAQ device.

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Place the QUBE-Servo on a flat surface with enough space so that the modules will not be obstructed.

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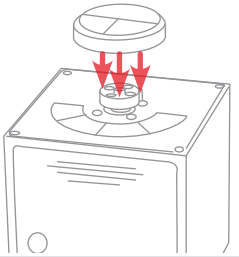

Connect the inertia disc module to the QUBE-servo base by aligning the inertia disc magnets with the magnets on the QUBE-Servo module connector. The module should snap into place.

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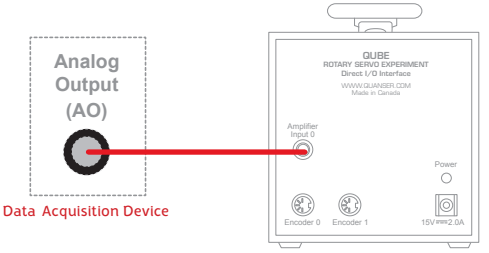

Using the RCA to RCA cable, connect **Analog Output Channel** #0 (AO #0) on the data acquisition (DAQ) device to the **Amplifier Input 0** socket on the QUBE-Servo.

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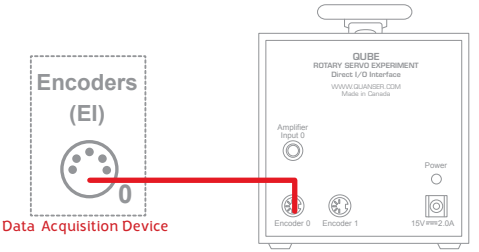

Using the 5-pin DIN to 5-pin DIN encoder cable, connect the **Encoder 0** socket on the QUBE-Servo panel to the **Encoder Input** #0 socket on the data acquisition device.

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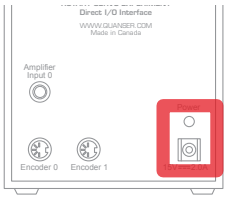

Connect the power connector on the QUBE-Servo to the supplied 15V power supply.

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Connect the power supply to a wall outlet using the appropriate power cable.

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The green *Power* LED on the QUBE should turn ON.

STEP 5 Testing the QUBE-Servo

Follow the procedure below to test your QUBE-Servo experiment.

A

Make sure your PC is powered ON.

B

On the Resources DVD (supplied with the RCP Toolkit package), locate the **Quick Start** folder: Rotary\QUBE-Servo\Quick Start. Copy the **Quick Start** folder to your local hard drive.

Note: Browse online for the latest QUBE-Servo resources at www. quanser.com/courseware

C

Open the LabVIEW Project file (.lvproj) found under the **Quick Start** folder on your hard drive.

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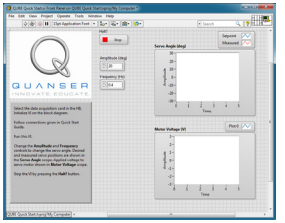

In the LabVIEW Project file, open the LabVIEW Virtual Instrument (.vi).

Attention Quanser Q1-cRIO users: Before proceeding, make sure your LabVIEW Project file is configured with your NI CompactRIO (refer to the RCP Toolkit Installation Guide provided with the RCP Toolkit Installation DVD).

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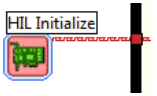
Go to the block diagram (CTRL-E) and double click on the **HIL Initialize** Express VI.



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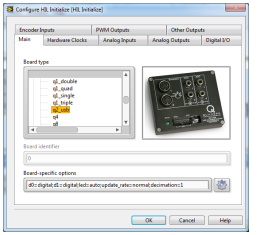

Under the Main tab, select the data aquisition device that is installed on your system in the *Board type* section (e.g., Q2-USB).

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Click on the OK button.

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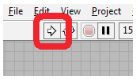
Go to the Front Panel (CTRL-E) of the VI, (pictured in Step 5D).

I

Click on the white arrow to run the VI. The inertia disc should begin rotating back and forth.



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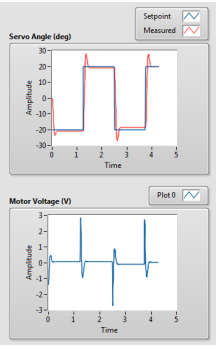

The scopes should look similar to those shown here.

The measured servo angle (in red) should be tracking the desired angle (in blue) in the **Servo Angle (deg)** scope. The motor voltage is displayed in the **Motor Voltage (V)** scope. If not, consult the Troubleshooting section at the end of this guide.

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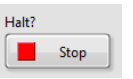
Click on the STOP button to stop running the VI.



TROUBLESHOOTING

Review the following recommendations before contacting Quanser's technical support engineers.

1. Check the connections outlined in Step 4 of this guide.
2. Make sure cables are firmly connected.

You are getting 'VI Missing' messages

A. Make sure you installed all the LabVIEW add-ons listed in Step 3.

B. Verify that the correct LabVIEW version is installed for your Quanser Rapid Control Prototyping Toolkit. Refer to the RCP Toolkit Quick Start Guide.

You get an 'An operating system specific kernel-level driver for the specified card could not be found' message.

A. Make sure your Data Acquisition (DAQ) device has been properly connected to (or installed on) your PC/laptop. Note that some DAQ devices need to be powered externally, e.g., NI CompactRIO.

B. Ensure you selected the correct board type in the HIL Initialize block, as outlined in Steps 5E, 5F, and 5G.

C. Verify that your Data Acquisition device shows up in Device Manager (e.g., when using the Quanser Q2-USB DAQ, the Q2-USB A and Q2-USB B should appear under the *Universal Serial Bus controllers*).

D. Refer to the User Manual or Quick Start Guide that is supplied with your Data Acquisition (DAQ) device for more specific troubleshooting information and testing procedures.

The Motor is not responding.

A. Ensure the green *Power* LED on the QUBE-Servo is lit. If not, make sure the power supply is operational and properly connected.

B. Verify that the data acquisition (DAQ) device used to connect to the QUBE-Servo is functional. Refer to the Data Acqusition (DAQ) Device User Manual or Quick Start Guide for specific troubleshooting guidelines and testing procedures.

STILL NEED HELP?

For further assistance from a Quanser engineer, contact us at tech@quanser.com or call +1-905-940-3575.

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